

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b>	*	<b>CIVIL ACTION</b>
<b>VS.</b>	*	<b>NO. 19-1336</b>
<b>TYRONE F. WATKINS</b>	*	<b>SECTION “____”</b>
	*	<b>MAGISTRATE</b>
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**C O M P L A I N T**

**NOW INTO COURT**, through the undersigned Assistant United States Attorney, comes the United States of America and for its Complaint against Tyrone F. Watkins alleges:

**Parties, Jurisdiction and Venue**

I.

Plaintiff, the United States of America, is the holder of a promissory note executed by the Defendant, Tyrone F. Watkins (“Watkins”).

II.

This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1345.

III.

Venue is proper in that Watkins is a resident of and is domiciled in Orleans Parish, which is within the jurisdiction of this Court.

**Facts**

IV.

On June 27, 2003, Watkins executed a promissory note to secure a Direct Consolidation Loan from the U.S. Department of Education. The loan was disbursed in the amount of \$14,975.03 and \$28,055.64 on July 9, 2004, at the rate of 3.875% interest per year. *See Exhibit 1, Certificate of Indebtedness.*

V.

The loan was made by the U.S. Department of Education under the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program under Title IV, Part D of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. § 1087a, *et seq.* (34 C.F.R. Part 685). *Id.*

VI.

Demand for payment was made according to the terms of the promissory note, but Watkins defaulted. *Id.*

**Cause of Action**

VII.

As set forth in the attached Certificate of Indebtedness, after applying all payments and credits, as of June 21, 2017, Watkins is indebted to the United States of America for the promissory note described *supra* Paragraph IV in the amount of \$67,695.11, representing principal of \$55,976.81, plus interest accrued through June 21, 2017 of \$11,718.30. Interest continues to accrue on the principal amount at the daily rate of \$5.94. *See Exhibit 1.*

**WHEREFORE**, the United States of America prays that there be judgment in its favor and against Watkins, awarding the United States of America:

- a. the amount of \$67,695.11, plus interest accruing on the principal amount at the daily rate of \$5.94 from June 21, 2017 to date of judgment, and interest from date of judgment until paid in full under 28 U.S.C. § 1961;
- b. the costs of this proceeding; and
- c. any further relief this Court may deem proper.

Respectfully submitted,

**PETER G. STRASSER**  
**UNITED STATES ATTORNEY**

*s/Peter M. Mansfield*

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**United States will serve request for waiver of service  
via Certified Mail, Returned Receipt Requested on:**

**Tyrone F. Watkins  
633 Atlantic Ave.  
New Orleans, LA 70114**

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTEDNESS #1 OF 1

TYRONE F WATKINS  
AKA TYRONE WATKINS  
5450 TULLIS DR  
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70131  
Account No. XXXXX8880

I certify that U.S. Department of Education records show that the BORROWER named above is indebted to the United States in the amount stated below plus additional interest from 06/21/17.

On or about 06/27/03, the BORROWER executed a promissory note to secure a Direct Consolidation loan from the U.S. Department of Education. This loan was disbursed for \$14,975.03 & \$28,055.64 on 07/09/04 at 3.875 % interest per annum. The loan was made by the Department under the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program under Title IV, Part D of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1087a et seq. (34 C.F.R. Part 685). The Department demanded payment according to the terms of the note, and the BORROWER defaulted on the obligation on 02/01/13. Pursuant to 34 C.F.R. § 685.202(b), a total of \$12,946.14 in unpaid interest was capitalized and added to the principal balance.

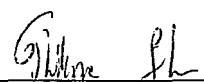
The Department has credited a total of \$142.00 in payments from all sources, including Treasury Department offsets, if any, to the balance. After application of these payments, the BORROWER now owes the United States the following:

Principal:	\$55,976.81
Interest:	\$11,718.30
Total debt as of 06/21/17:	\$67,695.11

Interest accrues on the principal shown here at the rate of \$5.94 per day.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: 8/3/17

  
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Loan Analyst  
Litigation Support Unit

Philippe Guillot  
Loan Analyst

Exhibit 1

## CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THE FORM.)

## I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff \_\_\_\_\_  
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorney's (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)  
AUSA Peter M. Mansfield (#28671), U.S. Attorney's Office  
650 Poydras St., Ste. 1600, New Orleans, LA 70130  
Tel: (504) 680-3047

## DEFENDANTS

TYRONE F. WATKINS

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Orleans

(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

## II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 U.S. Government Defendant	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)  
(For Diversity Cases Only)

Citizen of This State	PTF	DEF	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State	PTF	DEF
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## IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b>	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 610 Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment
<input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine	<input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane	<input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Med. Malpractice	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158	<input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust
<input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157	<input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking
<input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument	<input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander	<input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability	<b>PROPERTY RIGHTS</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce
<input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud	<input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation	<input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations
<input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine	<input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending	<input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit	<input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl. Veterans)	<input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage	<input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV	<input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV
<input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits	<input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage	<input type="checkbox"/> 510 Occupational Safety/Health	<input type="checkbox"/> 510 Occupational Safety/Health
<input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits	<input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 390 Other Personal Injury	<input type="checkbox"/> 520 Airline Laws	<input type="checkbox"/> 520 Airline Laws
<input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury	<input type="checkbox"/> 400 Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 530 Liquor Laws	<input type="checkbox"/> 530 Liquor Laws
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REAL PROPERTY	CIVIL RIGHTS	PRISONER PETITIONS	LABOR	SOCIAL SECURITY
<input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation	<input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting	<input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence	<input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff)
<input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure	<input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment	<b>Habeas Corpus:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations	<input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923)
<input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment	<input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/ Accommodations	<input type="checkbox"/> 530 General	<input type="checkbox"/> 730 Labor/Mgmt. Reporting & Disclosure Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIW (405(g))
<input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land	<input type="checkbox"/> 444 Welfare	<input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty	<input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI
<input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 445 Amer. w/Disabilities - Employment	<input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation	<input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g))
<input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	<input type="checkbox"/> 446 Amer. w/Disabilities - Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights	<input type="checkbox"/> 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act	<b>FEDERAL TAX SUITS</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights	<input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition		<input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant)
				<input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609
			<b>IMMIGRATION</b>	
			<input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application	
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## V. ORIGIN

(Place an "X" in One Box Only)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Original Proceeding	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Removed from State Court	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Remanded from Appellate Court	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 Reinstated or Reopened	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 Transferred from another district (specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 Multidistrict Litigation	<input type="checkbox"/> 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment
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Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):  
20 USC § 1080, et seq.

## VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Brief description of cause:

Default on student loan

## VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION  
UNDER F.R.C.P. 23

DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND:  Yes  No

## VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions):

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

DATE

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

s/ Peter M. Mansfield

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RECEIPT #

AMOUNT

APPLYING IFP

JUDGE

MAG. JUDGE